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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
ART UNIT 1652

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Short and Keller Art Unit: 1652
Application No.: 08/876,276 Examiner: D. J. Steadman
Filed: June 16, 1997
Title: HIGH THROUGHPUT FLUORESCENCE-BASED SCREENING FOR
NOVEL ENZYMES (As Amended)

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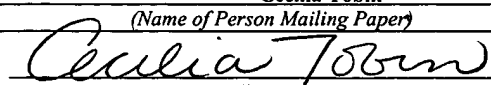
This is a request under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a Notice of Appeal to the Final Office Action mailed on December 27, 2002 and Advisory Action mailed April 28, 2003.

The requested extension is for Three (3) Months, extending the period for response from March 27, 2003 to June 27, 2003.

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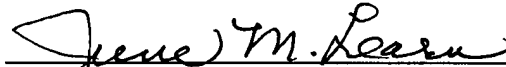
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Enclosed is Check No. 539470 in the total amount of \$420.00; which consists of \$160.00 for the Notice of Appeal fee and \$260.00 for the Three (3) Month Extension of Time fee (\$465.00 minus \$205.00 PAID with our response filed 3/26/03, which equals \$260.00). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge for any additional fees associated with the filing submitted herewith, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-1355. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: June 25, 2003



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